

Primary/Pre-Natal Care Innovation Grants

DSS awarded \$1 million dollars of innovation grants to improve primary and prenatal care for women in the Medicaid program. Three awards of \$333,000 each were provided to Avera Health, Center for Family Medicine, and Native Women's Health Care.

An average of 116,000 South Dakotans rely on Medicaid for their healthcare each month. The vast majority, 68 percent, are children. Half of the children born in South Dakota each year will be on Medicaid during their first year of life and 35% of all Medicaid recipients are American Indian.

Access to early and regular prenatal care is critical to avoid preterm birth and birth complications. Technology and other innovative approaches to providing this type of care are needed to ensure prenatal and primary care are available the state. Outcomes and cost effectiveness will be evaluated at the end of the projects with the goal of replicating successful innovations in the program.

Provider	Summary	Innovation Being Tested	Geographic Target Areas	Metrics	Use of funds
Avera	Helps pregnant women in South Dakota diagnosed with gestational diabetes by providing remote blood sugar monitoring, specialized test strips and video visits with a diabetic educator/dietician. Patients will be supported AveraNow mobile application.	Non-traditional tele-health model testing correlation between use of technology for management of gestational diabetes improved birth outcomes. Pilot with I.H.S. to serve patients referred by I.H.S to the program in targeted areas.	Huron (Beadle County), Aberdeen (Brown County), parts of Sioux Falls (Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties) Aurora, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Lyman, Miner, McCook, Sanborn, and minimum of one Indian Health Service site yet to be finalized.	Rates for C-sections, full term births, healthy birth weight, maternal morbidity, birth complications, overall child health.	Remote patient monitoring, specialized test trips, and assistance with internet access.

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Native Women's Health Care (OST)	Helps patients by linking primary and prenatal services to behavioral health services. Leverages comprehensive care team including primary care, behavioral health, and community health workers.	Use of comprehensive care team to manage both physical and behavioral health will improve rates of substance use disorder (SUD) screening and treatment adherence. Tests pregnancy as a qualifying condition for Medicaid health home services.	Rapid City Area	Success and improved adherence rates for SUD treatment, increased screening, preventive, and primary/prenatal care.	Transportation services for high-risk patients, technology including iPads and specialized software for case managers, support accreditation for day treatment and residential treatment.
Center for Family Medicine	Provides patients with a birth center/pregnancy health home approach to provide full array of prenatal and postnatal care. This project will also train family medicine resident physicians in innovative, evidence-based prenatal care models.	Testing if application of health home model and use of technology to deliver patient education results in improved health outcomes.	Sioux Falls, Pierre	Pre-term and post term birth weights, C-Sections, birth complications.	Nurse case manager, physician, and other care team members. Home blood pressure and other monitoring equipment that links to electronic health record, transportation to appointments, i-Pads and other equipment.